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At 20, the present General Lt Gen Ivan Kinov participated in the Balkan Wars and later in World War I. After World War I, he became an agitator and organizer of the Communist Party in Vratsa Okrug. He remained here until the September 1923 uprising. He participated in the uprising and, after it was quelled, he emigrated to Yugoslavia.

During 1924 - 1925, the Bulgarian Communist Party ordered Kinov to return to Bulgaria and organize underground activities in the Vratsa, Botevgrad, Iskur, Svoge, and Chervenbreg (Cherven Bryag) regions. He was sentenced to death by the Bulgarian government for his underground and partisan activities but escaped. At the end of 1925, he went to the USSR, where he completed his studies at the Frunze and Voroshilov military academies.

During World War II, General Kinov took an active part in the defense of Moscow. During 1944, he returned to Bulgaria and became Chief of the Bulgarian General Staff. During 1951, he helped in the merging of the NSST (Naroden suyuz za sport i tekhnika, People's Sport and Technology Union) and the SVPF (Suyuz na voytsite protiv fashizma, Union of Fighters Against Fascism), as well as in the forming of DOSO (Dobrovolna organizatsiya za sudeystvie na obrana, Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation). He was elected the first chairman of the Central Council of DOSO.

At present, he heads the "G. S. Rakovski" Military Academy, is a member of the Central Council of DOSO, a member of the National Council of the Fatherland Front, a member of the Union of Bulgarian-Soviet Friendship Societies, and a deputy of the okrug people's soviet okrug not given.

Kinov, who is now 60 years old, was awarded 16 Soviet and Bulgarian orders and medals. For his work in DOSO, the Central Council of DOSO awarded him the "Za aktivna deynost" (For Active Work) medal.

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